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1. All youth of national minorities in Yugoslavia has been mobilized and enrolled in so-called "National Minority" brigades. These brigades, located in various camps for forced labor, are made up principally of Albanians and Bulgarians, but there are also Hungarians, Slovaks, Rumanians, Russians, etc.
2. The labor camps are in effect concentration camps, where labor is carried on under difficult conditions. The most noted of these camps for Albanians in the Kosmet region are the following:
 - Orahovo - 420 Albanians
 - Debar (chrome mines) - 350 Albanians
 - Trepca (mines) - 1200 Albanians
 - Decani - 2600 Albanians
3. Greek minorities and children of the partisans of Markos live in camp settlements and in community houses where they are subjected to denationalization. The children go to school, where they study in the Serbo-Croat language, for four hours. During another four hours each day they are employed in farm labor. They allegedly are forbidden to correspond with each other or use their mother tongue.

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